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FROM: **Timothy E. Nauman, Reg. No. 32,283**  
RE: **Serial No. 10/667,545, filed September 22, 2003**  
**Our Reference: LD 135432 GECZ 2 00680**

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Serial No.: 10/667,545	Filing Date: Sept. 22, 2003	Examiner: Thuy V. Tran
Group Art Unit: 2821	Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A VOLTAGE CONTROLLED START-UP CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRONIC BALLAST</b>	

To the Assistant Commissioner of Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Respectfully submitted,  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A VOLTAGE CONTROLLED START-UP CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRONIC BALLAST  
Application No. : 10/667,545  
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

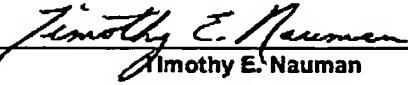
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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